

UKULELE, BEAT BUSTERS AND PERFORMANCE TROUPE



Baynton West
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parent / Caregiver

Ukulele Group and Beat Busters will start rehearsals next week (week 3). These groups are for interested students in Years 4-6. The groups are not compulsory, but are designed to give your child extension activities in music, if they have an interest in learning instruments and performing. The Performance Troupe will start in week 2 and is run in school time. The first rehearsal will be Wednesday 10 February, straight after lunch (1.30pm – 2.30pm). Students will be reminded, via a PA message, of this rehearsal time.

Please note that all groups have a **reasonable behaviour expectation**. Students need to have enthusiasm for learning and participating and make sure their behaviour does not continually disrupt other student's progress. The groups also have an **attendance policy**. Children who join these groups are expected to commit and attend rehearsals for the whole year, much like a sporting team. Often children are concerned if they are sick or have an unavoidable absence during rehearsals. Unavoidable absences are fine; it is only the absences caused by a child choosing not to attend that I am endeavouring to limit. These absences lead to a lack of commitment amongst the group and make the experience less enjoyable for everyone. Please note, I mark a roll for attendance, however the roll does not get passed on to administration to follow up absenteeism. Please make sure you observe your child walking to the Music room or regularly check to make sure they are attending (Ukulele and Beat Busters only). This is a before school, voluntary activity.

The details below outline the rehearsal times and various groups on offer. If you have any queries, please email Kym.Shepherdson@education.wa.edu.au

UKULELE GROUP: This group rehearses between 7.50am – 8.20am every Tuesday morning. Students may bring their own ukulele or use one of the class set of ukuleles for the rehearsal (school instruments cannot be taken home). Although it is not compulsory to buy your own ukulele, many students choose to after some time. They cost around \$50 and make a great birthday present.

PERFORMANCE TROUPE (Choir): This group rehearses between 1.25pm-2.30pm every Wednesday. Rehearsals are conducted during school time. If the subject that the student misses in order to join Performance Troupe is taught once in the week (e.g. Art), they will not be graded on that missed subject. Students are allowed one rehearsal to decide if the group is for them. After this rehearsal they are expected to commit for the whole year or let me know if they are not interested. If at any stage of the year a child decides the group is not for them, they will require a note from their parent / guardian before they will be taken off the Performance Troupe roll.

BEAT BUSTERS (rhythmic drumming group): This group rehearses between 7.50am – 8.20am every Thursday morning. Senior students (and some extremely dedicated students) are chosen from this group to accompany our assembly songs each week.

Kind regards,

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